corruption at high levels in the DESU management;

(b) whether any memorandum was submitted to Government alleging large-scale corruption in the purchase of transformers, cables, medicines and other materials of daily use; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) DESU Karamchari Union held a demonstration at the boat club, near India Gate, New Delhi on 28-7-1988 and addressed memorandum to the Minister for Energy drawing attention to the general criticism of DESU by the press and the public at large on various issues like irregularties in the purchase of materials, corruption, losses due to theft of Energy and delay in billing etc. and demanding an enquiry into them.

(c) Delhi Administartion has been directed to look into the memorandum and to take suitable action.

Setting up of high voltage 800 KV Transmission projects

3645. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to transmit power for the first time in India at an extra high voltage of 800 KV from some NTPC and NHPC Super Thermal Power Stations;

(b) if so, what are the details of such schemes already approved and those pending for approval;

(c) what is the time frame for setting up the first three such 800 KV transmission projects; and

(d) whether the projects will be financed by World Bank or through bilateral aids from foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The Government of India had constituted a Sub-group consisting of members from the Central Electricity Authority, Planning Commission, State Electricity Boards and other concerned organisations to determine the next higher A.C. Transmission voltage, keeping in view the relevant technical, economic, operational and administrative aspects. This sub-group has recommended the adoption of 800 KV class as the next higher transmision voltage in the country.

(b) Presently, the following 800 KV class transmission lines have been identified for appraisal of their techno-economic feasibility by the Central Electricity Authority:—

(i) Anpara—Unnao transmission line in Uttar Pradesh;

(ii) Manpur (J&K)—Moga (Punjab) transmission line;

(iii) Vindhyachal —Bina —Nagda transmission line in Madhya Pradesh; and

(iv) Tehri — Mawana — Mandaula transmission line in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The above transmission projects are programmed for completion during the Eighth Plan period and beyond.

(d) While steps have been initiated to identify the sources of funding, these projects are not tied-up so far for World Bank/Bilateral. financing.

Execution of power projects by the assistance of IBRD and IDA

3646. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the power projects which are currently being executed with IBRD and IDA assistance;

(b) what are the names of the power projects which are to get additional assistance from IBRD and IDA;

(c) what are the names of the new power projects under examination by IBRD and IDA for receiving assistance; and

(d) by when all these projects are likely to be completed, projectwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) The information is given in the enclosed Statement.